Fig. 1

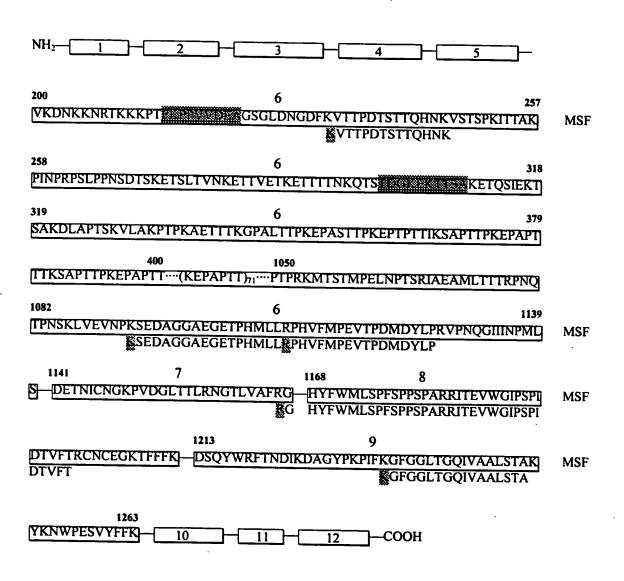


Fig. UA

V1 1 23 3 44 ···(KEPAPTT)₇₆··· 7 8 9 10-12

V2 1 2 3 ···(KEPAPIT)₇₆··· 7 8 9 10 – 12

V3 $\boxed{1}$ $\boxed{3}$ \cdots (KEPAPTT)₇₆ \cdots $\boxed{7}$ $\boxed{8}$ $\boxed{9}$ $\boxed{10-12}$

Somatomedin B-like Domain

Heparin Sulfate Binding Domain

Exon 6 Boundary Lubrication Domain

[8 9] Hemopexin-like Repeats

Fg . 2B

			Articular Chondrocytes			vial Fibro		
–	(soform	Exon 2	Exon 4	Exon 5	Exon 2	Exon 4	Exon 5	Predicted Molecular Weight
VO		+	+	+	+	+	+	151.096 kDa
VI		+	+	-	+	+	-	146.327 kDa
V2	<u></u>	+	-	-	+	-	-	140.894 kDa
V3	,	-	-	-	-	-	-	135.207 kDa

 $S^{23} - S^{24}$

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